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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: QUITA SUENO TREATY

1. AT HIS REQUEST COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR DOUGLAS BOTERO CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH MAY 23 TO CONVEY GOC CONCERN OVER QUITA SUENO TREATY RATIFICATION DELAY IN U.S. SENATE AND TO ASK DEPARTMENT AND USG, AT BEHEST OF HIS GOVERNMENT, TO LOOK TO SOME WAY OF MOVING RATIFICATION PROCESS ALONG. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRESENT GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MATTER CONCLUDED BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD SCHEDULE HEARINGS SOON AND OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE TOWARD THIS END IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

AMBASSADOR BOTERO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT "SENSE OF THE SENATE" RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SEEK TO SUBMIT TO THE WORLD COURT FOR BINDING DECISION UNRESOLVED TERRITORIAL DISPUTES INVOLVING THE U.S. OVER ISLANDS
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IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA (DETAILS

SEPARATELY POUCHED).

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT RATIFICATION AND IN RECENT WEEKS HAS ATTEMPTED TO GET FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE TO ACT ON IT. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION IS NOT FORMALLY BINDING ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THAT THE LANGUAGE REFERRING TO THE CARIBBEAN WAS INSERTED IN THE RESOLUTION AT THE LAST MINUTE, AND THAT QUESTION IS REALLY ONE OF ENCOURAGING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO SCHEDULE HEARINGS. DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO THIS END. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ THAT MR. KUBISCH FULLY UNDERSTANDS COLOMBIAN CONCERN IN THIS MATTER, THAT HE WILL LOOK INTO IT PERSONALLY, AND THAT HE WILL KEEP AMBASSADOR BOTERO INFORMED.

3. AMBASSADOR BOTERO ALSO DELIVERED COPIES OF TWO NEW LEGAL STUDIES OF THE QUITA SUENO QUESTION, ONE BY PROFESSORS OLIVER S. LISSITZYN OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, THE OTHER BY MYRES MACDOUGAL OF YALE. BOTERO SAID THAT ONLY THE GOC KNOWS OF THESE STUDIES AND THAT THEY ARE QUIETLY PROVIDED TO THE USG FOR OUR INFORMATION. RUSH

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